

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Currently Amended)** An antibody specifically recognizing proliferative human hepatocytes that exist in a hepatocyte population isolated from an adult human liver and have clonal proliferative ability and differentiation ability to functional hepatocytes which antibody is produced by a hybridoma cell prepared by using human hepatocytes subcultured for at least four passages as an immunogen.

**2. (Currently amended)** The antibody of claim 1, ~~which is produced by~~ wherein the hybridoma cell[[,]] is Mouse-Mouse hybridoma K8223 (FERM BP-8334).

**3. (Previously presented)** A hybridoma cell producing the antibody of claim 1.

**4. (Original)** The hybridoma cell of claim 3, which is Mouse-Mouse hybridoma K8223 (FERM BP-8334).

**5. (Withdrawn)** A method for isolating proliferative human hepatocytes, which comprises separating cells recognized by the antibody of claim 1, from a human hepatocyte population.

**6. (Withdrawn)** Proliferative human hepatocytes separated by the method of claim 5.

**7. (Withdrawn)** A method for inducing the differentiation of the proliferative human hepatocytes of claim 6, which comprises performing at least one of the following means:

- (a) spheroid culture of the proliferative human hepatocytes; and
- (b) transfer of hepatic nuclear factor 4 (HNF4) gene into the proliferative human hepatocytes.

**8. (Withdrawn)** Functional human hepatocytes induced to differentiate by the method of claim 7.

**9. (Withdrawn)** A cell kit comprising the functional human hepatocytes of claim 8.

**10. (Withdrawn)** A hybrid artificial liver packed with the functional human hepatocytes of claim 9.

**11. (Withdrawn)** A method for isolating proliferative human hepatocytes, which comprises separating cells recognized by the antibody of claim 2, from a human hepatocyte population.

**12. (Withdrawn)** Proliferative human hepatocytes separated by the method of claim 11.

**13. (Withdrawn)** A method for inducing the differentiation of the proliferative human hepatocytes of claim 12, which comprises performing at least one of the following means:

- (a) spheroid culture of the proliferative human hepatocytes; and
- (b) transfer of hepatic nuclear factor 4 (HNF4) gene into the proliferative human hepatocytes.

**14. (Withdrawn)** Functional human hepatocytes induced to differentiate by the method of claim 13.

**15. (Withdrawn)** A cell kit comprising the functional human hepatocytes of claim 14.

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**16. (Withdrawn)** A hybrid artificial liver packed with the functional human hepatocytes of claim 15.